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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Active and Reserve Component Aviation Brigade Commanders

SUBJECT: Approval of Non-Leather Boots for Army Aviation Use

1. In accordance with AR 95-1, Flight Regulations, paragraph 8-9d, the Commanding General, US Army Aviation Center (USAAVNC), waives the requirement in AR 95-1, paragraph 8-9c(1), that requires the wear of only leather boots when performing crew duties. This waiver specifically allows the wear of the Army Combat Boot (ACB) Temperate Weather (TW) [NSN series 8430-01-516-1506], the Air Force Tan Flyers Boot [NSN series 8430-01-483-9445], in addition to the US Army Infantry Combat Boot - Type I (Black) [NSN series 8430-01-502-0975], which are not all leather boots. As stated in AR 95-1, all leather boots are also authorized. No other non-leather boot is authorized for wear.
2. These boots passed the required safety criteria for aviation use and provide better protection than the current all leather boots. The three prime contractors producing the ACB TW are Belleville, Addison and Wellco. Each manufacturer has a unique commercial name for the same item; this item has also been referred to as the Belleville 790 boot. This item will provide Aviation warfighters a tan boot to be worn during flight operations with the tan aviation battle dress uniform in desert locations. The Infantry Combat Boot (black) has been renamed to the ACB (black). The three contractors manufacturing the ACB (black) are Belleville, Bates and Wellco.
3. This memorandum supercedes all previous memorandums concerning boots distributed by the USAAVNC.
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